

1. (Currently Amended) A smokable rod for a cigarette comprising:

(a) a lighting end and a mouth end;

(b) an inner portion incorporating a smokable material and aerosol forming material; wherein the smokable material comprises a processed tobacco material comprising a mixture of an aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp having at least a portion of the aqueous soluble portion removed therefrom, an aqueous extract applied to the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp, and an aerosol forming material applied to the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp and in intimate contact therewith such that the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp is a substrate for the aerosol forming material, wherein the amount of aerosol forming material applied to the tobacco pulp exceeds the amount of aqueous extract applied to the tobacco pulp; and

(c) an outer wrapping material circumscribing the inner portion, wherein the rod has a cylindrical shape and a longitudinally extending outer surface, the outer wrapping material providing the longitudinally extending outer surface, and wherein the lighting end is open to expose the inner portion such that the smokable material of the inner portion is positioned for lighting at the lighting end of the smokable rod;

wherein the smokable material comprises (i) greater than about 90 percent tobacco, based on the dry combined weight of the tobacco and any non-tobacco filler, substitute, or extender material; (ii) greater than about 85 percent tobacco and aerosol forming material, based on the dry weight of the smokable material; and (iii) at least about 10 percent aerosol forming material, based on the combined dry weight of the aerosol forming material and tobacco material.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 having a mouth end piece attached to the mouth end thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein the aerosol forming material includes glycerin.

5. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein the outer wrapping material is composed of paper.
6. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein the outer wrapping material exhibits an inherent porosity of at least about 15 CORESTA units.
7. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco in cut filler form.
8. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco laminae, processed tobacco, or a blend thereof.
9. (Original) The rod of Claim 7 wherein at least a portion of the tobacco material is cased and/or top dressed.
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Cancelled).
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein the aerosol forming material is present within the smokable rod in an amount of at least about 15 percent, based on the dry weight of the tobacco material and aerosol forming material within the smokable rod.
14. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein the aerosol forming material is present within the smokable rod in an amount of at least about 20 percent, based on the dry weight of the tobacco material and aerosol forming material within the smokable rod.

15. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 further including aerosol forming material that has been applied to at least a portion of the smokable material in the form of a spray.

16. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein a portion of the smokable material further includes a material composed primarily of aerosol forming material.

17. (Currently Amended) A smokable rod for a cigarette comprising:

(a) a lighting end and a mouth end;
(b) smokable material comprising greater than about 90 percent tobacco, based on the combined dry weight of the tobacco and any non-tobacco ~~filler~~ filler, substitute, or extender material, and aerosol forming material;

(c) the smokable material comprising a processed tobacco material comprising a mixture of an aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp having at least a portion of the aqueous soluble portion removed therefrom, an aqueous extract applied to the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp, and an aerosol forming material applied to the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp and in intimate contact therewith such that the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp is a substrate for the aerosol forming material, wherein the amount of aerosol forming material applied to the tobacco pulp exceeds the amount of aqueous extract applied to the tobacco pulp; and

(d) (e) a wrapping material circumscribing the smokable material, the wrapping material having an inherent porosity of at least about 15 CORESTA units, wherein the rod has a cylindrical shape and a longitudinally extending outer surface, the wrapping material providing the longitudinally extending outer surface, and wherein the lighting end is open to expose the smokable material such that the smokable material is positioned for lighting at the lighting end of the smokable rod.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 having a mouth end piece attached to the mouth end thereof.

20. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the aerosol forming material includes glycerin.
21. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the outer wrapping material is composed of paper.
22. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the outer wrapping material exhibits an inherent porosity of at least about 20 CORESTA units.
23. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco in cut filler form.
24. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco laminae, processed tobacco, or a blend thereof.
25. (Original) The rod of Claim 23 wherein at least a portion of the tobacco material is cased and/or top dressed.
26. (Cancelled).
27. (Cancelled).
28. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the aerosol forming material is present within the smokable rod in an amount of at least about 10 percent, based on the dry weight of the tobacco material and aerosol forming material within the smokable rod.
29. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the aerosol forming material is present within the smokable rod in an amount of at least about 15 percent, based on the dry weight of the tobacco material and aerosol forming material within the smokable rod.

30. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the aerosol forming material is present within the smokable rod in an amount of at least about 20 percent, based on the dry weight of the tobacco material and aerosol forming material within the smokable rod.

31. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 including aerosol forming material that has been applied to at least a portion of the smokable material in the form of a spray.

32. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17 wherein a portion of the smokable material includes a material composed primarily of aerosol forming material.

33. (Currently Amended) A cigarette comprising a smokable rod having a lighting end and a mouth end, and a filter element attached to the mouth end of the smokable rod, wherein the smokable rod comprises a smokable material comprising greater than about 90% tobacco, based on the dry combined weight of the tobacco and any non-tobacco ~~filler~~ filler, substitute, or extender material, the smokable material comprising:

- (a) a reconstituted tobacco material comprising an aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp having at least a portion of the aqueous soluble portion removed therefrom; and
- (b) an aerosol forming material applied to the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp, in intimate contact with the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp, and present in an amount of at least about 10 percent, based on the dry weight of the reconstituted tobacco material and the aerosol forming material,

wherein the lighting end is open to expose the smokable material such that the smokable material is positioned for lighting at the lighting end of the smokable rod.

34. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 33, wherein the smokable material is circumscribed within a wrapping material that exhibits an inherent porosity of at least about 15 CORESTA units.

35. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the aerosol forming material is placed in intimate contact with the processed tobacco during a cast sheet or paper-type

reconstituted tobacco process by replacing a portion of the solvent soluble portion of the tobacco material with the aerosol forming material.

36. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17, wherein the tobacco material is a reconstituted tobacco material, and wherein the aerosol forming material is placed in intimate contact with the reconstituted tobacco during a cast sheet or paper-type process by replacing a portion of the solvent soluble portion of the tobacco material with the aerosol forming material.

37. (Cancelled).

38. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the processed tobacco material is a cast sheet material or a paper-type reconstituted sheet material.

39. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the processed tobacco material is a paper-type reconstituted sheet material comprising the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp and a mixture applied thereto, the mixture comprising aerosol forming material and aqueous extract extracted from the tobacco pulp.

40. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the smokable material further comprises a cast sheet material comprising an aerosol forming material and a binder.

41. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 40, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of citrus pectin, ammonium alginate, sodium alginate, and guar gum.

42. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 40, wherein the aerosol forming material comprises glycerin.

43. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17, wherein the processed tobacco material is a cast sheet material or a paper-type reconstituted sheet material.

44. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17, wherein the processed tobacco material is a paper-type reconstituted sheet material comprising the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp and a mixture applied thereto, the mixture comprising aerosol forming material and aqueous extract extracted from the tobacco pulp.

45. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 17, wherein the smokable material further comprises a cast sheet material comprising an aerosol forming material and a binder.

46. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 45, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of citrus pectin, ammonium alginate, sodium alginate, and guar gum.

47. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 45, wherein the aerosol forming material comprises glycerin.

48. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 33, wherein the reconstituted tobacco material is a cast sheet material or a paper-type reconstituted sheet material.

49. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 33, wherein the reconstituted tobacco material is a paper-type reconstituted sheet material comprising the aqueous-extracted tobacco pulp and a mixture applied thereto, the mixture comprising aerosol forming material and aqueous extract extracted from the tobacco pulp.

50. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 33, wherein the smokable material further comprises a cast sheet material comprising an aerosol forming material and a binder.

51. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 50, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of citrus pectin, ammonium alginate, sodium alginate, and guar gum.

52. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 50, wherein the aerosol forming material comprises glycerin.

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53-57. (Cancelled)